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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM LUERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISIT OF MR. & MRS. AVERELL HARRIMAN

1. THE HARRIMANS WILL BE VISITING BUDAPEST IN MID-JULY. AMBASSADOR KAISER HAS ALREADY DETERMINED THAT SENIOR HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS WILL BE IN TOWN AND WILL PROBABLY ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR THE HARRIMANS.

2. GEORGE VEST CALLED GOVERNOR HARRIMAN ON TUESDAY AND INQUIRED WHETHER HE AND MRS. HARRIMAN MIGHT BE AGREEABLE TO GOING TO ROMANIA AS WELL. THE GOVERNOR RESPONDED FAVORABLY, INQUIRED ABOUT THE WEATHER AND GENERAL CONDITIONS AND FACILITIES IN BUCHAREST IN MID-JULY. IT SEEMS TO US HERE THAT A HARRIMAN VISIT TO BUCHAREST WOULD KEEP UP SOME MOMENTUM IN OUR RELATIONS AND BE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION. IF YOU AGREE, WE SUGGEST YOU MIGHT INQUIRE INFORMALLY
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WHETHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR ROMANIAN OFFICIALS, MOST PARTICULARLY CEAUSESCU, WOULD BE AROUND AND WHETHER A ROMANIAN GUEST HOUSE MIGHT BE OFFERED. WE WOULD SUGGEST DOING THIS ON A MOST INFORMAL BASIS SO THAT WE CAN GO BACK TO THE GOVERNOR WITH SOME DETAILS ON THE RECEPTIVITY OF THE ROMANIANS TO THE IDEA AND SOME SENSE OF THE CLIMATE AND FACILITIES THAT MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNOR AND

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